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NAVAL AIR SYSTEMS COMMAND
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**PLAN OF THE WEEK
06 JUNE 01 – 12 JUNE 01**

**ALL ORDERS, INSTRUCTIONS AND ITEMS OF PERTINENT INTEREST SET FORTH HEREIN
WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT DEPARTMENT/DIVISION MEETINGS. ALL HANDS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR READING
THE PLAN OF THE WEEK AND OBEYING APPLICABLE ORDERS.**

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NAVAIR AFTER HOURS (BASE CDO):
NAVAIR INSPECTOR GENERAL HOTLINE:
NAVY FRAUD, WASTE, AND ABUSE HOTLINE:
NAVY SEXUAL HARASSMENT ADVICE LINE:
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CARRY OUT DAILY ROUTINE WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

MILPERS OFFICE CLOSURE: Military Personnel Office will be closed on 06 June 01 from 1130 to 1630 for their annual Picnic. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. Normal hours will be resumed on 07 June 01.

U.S. CITIZENSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS: Congress has enacted legislation that provides special naturalization benefits to individuals who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Federal Law extends naturalization benefits to lawful permanent resident aliens who have served honorably in the United States Armed Forces for a minimum of three years. Resident aliens serving in the reserves are also eligible. NAVADMIN 049/00 announced an agreement between the Department of Defense and the Immigration and Naturalization Service to expedite the administrative handling of service members' citizenship applications. That agreement required the Department of Defense, through the military services, to provide assistance to the individual applicants in preparing and submitting their applications. This initiative has resulted in a substantial reduction of the time required to process naturalization applications from 18 to 24 months to six to nine months. However, not every eligible sailor among the 14,000 foreign-born individuals serving in the Navy has been provided the intended assistance. By advising service members of this program and providing effective assistance to service members, all eligible sailors can obtain this valuable benefit in a timely manner. To ensure the maximum number of eligible sailors receive effective assistance in submitting their applications, Commanding Officers shall ensure that a command representative with responsibility for providing hands on assistance to sailors applying for citizenship has been appointed and performs responsibilities per NAVADMIN 049/00. The proper submission of the required paperwork is essential if processing times are to be further reduced. Commanding Officers should ensure that command representatives are familiar with the "U.S. Navy guide to naturalization applications based upon qualifying military service" available at <http://www.jag.navy.mil/html/headquarters.htm>, click on Legal Assistance, then Immigration or <http://www.bupers.navy.mil/pers33/natur.htm>. The Patuxent River POC for this program is LNI Carrier at NAS Legal.

200-QUESTION ADVANCEMENT EXAM TO PREMIER WITH JANUARY 2002 CHIEF'S EXAM: A new 200-question enlisted advancement exam is coming to Navy test-takers everywhere, beginning with the cycle 174 Chief Petty Officer's exam in January 2002. The Navy Advancement Center, which has been carefully preparing this new exam over the last six months, is reviewing and checking each step in the process to ensure a smooth transition from the original 150-question exam. Changes to the exam include more questions covering professional military knowledge (PMK). Sailors will now be exposed to more PMK areas for study and in doing so, will be better able to prepare themselves as leaders and managers in addition to technically proficient individuals in their own rating. As individuals advance in rank and move into more supervisory and management-type positions, a greater emphasis will be placed on PMK. Therefore, Petty Officer 3rd class candidates (E-4) will notice the smallest change to the exam. Third class Petty Officers will receive a test with 150 rating knowledge questions (15 more than in previous cycles) and 50 PMK questions. The 2nd class (E-5) exam

will cover 135 rating knowledge questions and 65 PMK questions, while the 1st class (E-6) exam will have 115 rating knowledge questions and 85 PMK questions. The Chief Petty Officer exam will have an even split of 100/100 exam questions. The structure and format of the enlisted advancement system promotes the most qualified Sailors. Those who take the time to prepare themselves early, as always, will go into the exam with a strong advantage. As in previous cycles, the bibliography for advancement (BIBS) for each exam is posted on the Navy Advancement Center web site six months prior to the exam. Sailors visiting this site will find important information to help them prepare for their exam and be given the same references used by exam writers in developing the exams. Sailors can download a copy of their rating's particular Advancement Handbook, which provides additional insight into exam preparation for rating knowledge. For more information on the Navy Advancement Center and the upcoming 200-question advancement exam, visit the NAC web site at <http://www.advancement.cnet.navy.mil>.

HEALTHWATCH (BEE CAREFUL): Why does a buzzing bee cause the boldest to run for the hills? Bee stings hurt. Most of us have experienced the pain of a sting or two in our lifetime, but for many, those stings can be life threatening. As you gear up for some outdoor activities, don't forget to pack your bug spray and familiarize yourself with symptoms of a severe reaction. Venomous insects such as bees, hornets, wasps, yellow jackets and fire ants attack as a defense mechanism, injecting toxic venom through their stingers as a signal for you to stay away from them. There are two types of reactions that occur in individuals who are attacked by venomous insects -- localized and generalized (or systemic) reactions. A localized reaction swells around the site of the bite and will turn red and itch. This typical reaction is always painful, but generally dissipates after a few hours and is not considered serious. A generalized or systemic reaction is more severe and can be fatal. A highly sensitive individual can experience an extreme allergic reaction due to certain agents in the venom of the stinging insect or by the toxicity of the agent. Individuals experiencing a systemic reaction will experience redness, hives and swelling far away from the sting site. A severe systemic reaction can progress to involve the airways and may cause wheezing, tightness in the throat and shortness of breath. The victim can also experience swollen eyes, nausea and vomiting, slurred speech, loss of consciousness and abdominal pain. It is extremely important for the individual to seek immediate medical assistance. The best way to prevent an attack by a stinging insect is simply to avoid them. There are a few steps you can take to make your encounters less likely:

- Don't swat at insects. They are not shy creatures and will likely attack in defense.
- Avoid wearing brightly colored clothing. Insects are attracted to colors that resemble the colors of flowers.
- Don't wear perfume or cologne if you anticipate being around insects. Your eau de toilette for the day should be an insect repellent that contains diethyltoluamide (DEET).
- Avoid areas where there are orchards or flower gardens.
- While dining in the great outdoors, store food in tightly sealed containers.

If an insect does sting you, take the following steps:

- Reduce swelling by applying an ice pack to the sting site.
- Baking soda paste can be applied to the sting area after the stinger is removed.
- Antihistamine or calamine lotion can be applied to the area to reduce itching. Use only as directed.
- Do not scratch the area, as it can lead to infection.

A serious reaction may not occur the first time an individual is attacked by a stinging insect. It is always important to carefully monitor the sting victim's reaction for several hours after a sting occurs. If the sting victim is exhibiting a systemic reaction, seek immediate medical assistance.

NEW OFFICER ACCESSION PROGRAM: The new officer accession program, Seaman to Admiral-21 (STA-21), is making it easier than ever for Sailors to make the transition from enlisted to officer while earning college degrees. The program eliminates the inequities between commissioning pipelines. Previous officer programs varied greatly in the amount of pay and educational benefits available to Sailors. STA-21 streamlines the application process by consolidating eight of 14 commissioning paths by using a single application. There is one application deadline and one selection board. Under STA-21, Sailors remain in an active-duty status while participating; they draw full pay, allowances, and benefits, and receive an education voucher valued at up to \$10,000 per year for tuition, fees, and book costs. STA-21 is structured to produce 490 officers annually, which is comparable to the number of Sailors commissioned through the eight former commissioning paths it replaces. Participants in the new program will attend Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC)-affiliated colleges or universities after gaining admission. College preparation courses and officer indoctrination programs tailored to Sailors' needs are incorporated into this pipeline. The Naval Science Institute begins transforming enlisted personnel to officers in an eight-week program that provides professional courses and reduces the college workload by 18 hours -- allowing Sailors to graduate and return to the fleet as officers, one semester early. When used in conjunction with credits received from the Navy College Program, the STA-21 program can dramatically reduce the time necessary to earn a degree and a Navy commission. The selection board will evaluate the background of STA-21 selectees and identify those who will benefit from a college preparatory program to attend the new Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training school in Newport, R.I., for a three-to six-month individualized remediation program. The STA-21 program was created to place a college degree and enhanced career opportunities within reach of today's Sailors. STA-21 combines the following eight former commissioning paths: NROTC two-year, four-year, and Nurse option; Enlisted Commissioning Program Basic, Aviation option, Nuclear option and Civil Engineer Corps option; and the original Seaman to Admiral program. For more information on the STA-21 program, go to <http://www.sta-21.navy.mil>; see NAVADMIN 128/01; or call (850) 452-4967/DSN 922, extension 313 or 337, or 1-800-NAV-ROTC; or by e-mail <mailto:sta21@cnet.navy.mil>.

INSPIRE OTHERS TO VOTE!: Voting is your self-expression, it is your voice, it is your constitutional right! Now is your chance to express your personal thoughts on the importance of voting by entering the 2001 Voting Slogan Contest. The winning slogan will help inspire hundreds of thousands of citizens around the world to exercise one of their most fundamental rights as citizens of a democracy! You must act now because the **09 July 2001** deadline for submissions is fast approaching! Entries will be judged on originality and motivational value by a panel of independent judges. Any U.S. citizen may enter the contest and may submit as many slogans as they like. Each slogan should be submitted separately on a 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper. All submissions must include your full name, (service if military), mailing address, daytime telephone number, and fax number and e-mail address (if applicable). Send in your slogans today via one of the following methods: E-mail: slogan@fvap.ncr.gov (DUE TO SECURITY CONCERNS ANY EMAIL MESSAGE WITH AN ATTACHMENT WILL BE DELETED UPON RECEIPT), Fax: (703) 588-0108 or DSN 425-0108, U.S. Mail: Federal Voting Assistance Program, Attn: Voting Slogan Contest, Washington Headquarters Services, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington DC 20301-1155. The winning slogan in 1999 was "Your Voice, Your Choice: Vote!" The winner, second through fifth place and Honorable Mention will receive a certificate of recognition from the Secretary of Defense.

NAVAL FLIGHT OFFICER (NFO) TO PILOT PROGRAM: In response to overwhelming fleet interest, NAVADMIN 101/01 announces the reinstatement of the NFO to pilot transition program. This program is open to all NFO's regardless of community and will select between 12-36 candidates annually. The selection process will take into account year group and community inventories for both pilots and NFO's in order to ensure sufficient inventories are available to meet community requirements. However, the primary goal will be to select the most highly qualified applicants. The NFO to pilot selection board will be conducted annually with the first board scheduled for **07 August 01**.

Eligibility criteria to qualify for NFO program:

- A. Have less than 5 1/2 years of commissioned service when board convenes.
- B. Have not passed 31st birthday when board convenes.
- C. Have served at least 18 months in first fleet squadron when board convenes.
- D. Meet pilot aviation selection test battery (ASTB) standards.
- E. May not have been previously disenrolled from any military flight training program for any reason other than temporary physical disqualification.

Applications shall be submitted to PERS-432E no later than thirty days prior to board convening date. Further information can be obtained through NAVADMIN 101/01 available at www.bupers.navy.mil.

FLEET AND FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER UPCOMING SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS. The seminars/workshops are open to active duty, retired military personnel and their family members, and DOD Civil Service employees and their spouses. There is no charge; however, reservations are necessary, as seating is limited. Also, FFSC will bring professional/general development training to your organization that meets your needs, whenever you need them. Please call FFSC at 342-4911 for reservations or for more information. For further information see the monthly newsletter. **Child Care: Reimbursement for E-1 through E-5 is available for workshops. Parents must pick up the necessary paperwork prior to the event.**

Retired Activities - Monday-Friday, 1515-1700
Savings for the Future – June 13, 1130-1300
Play Group – June 14, 21 28, 1130-1230
Welcome to Pax River – June 20, 1730-2030
Wild Side of Pax – June 27, 1530-1700
Max Pax – June 28, 0800-1100

Navy Ombudsman Program – June 12, 1900-2100
Prenatal Series – June 14, 1400-1500
Career Presentation Seminar – June 20, 0900-1300
Basic Budgeting – June 27, 0900-1000
Budgeting for Baby – June 27, 1000-1200

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